

December 7, 2015

The Special Meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Dennis Erks, Kenneth Schmieding, Lana Urban, Justin Hartman, Brady Johnson, Mel Bolte, Sandy Wright. Absent: Andrea Baack. Others in attendance: Parks/Recreation/Cemetery Director Steve Ferguson, Asst. Park Director Bob Core, City Administrator Bruce Smith, Councilmember Ellen Beck, Mayor Josh Eickmeier.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse and Seward Memorial Library. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Mel Bolte, called the meeting to order and announced that a copy of the Agenda for this meeting had been posted at City Hall, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at this location for public inspection.

Chairman Bolte reported to the Board that this special meeting was being held to gain information regarding the current Country Club and Golf Course. Mayor Eickmeier explained that several months ago, the City was approached by the Country Club regarding the status and issues of the Club. As time has gone by, it was becoming evident that the solution was to dissolve the Country Club and hopefully sell. Due to a termination date of December 31, decisions had to be made quickly, in order for the City to acquire the golf course. The City Council gave advisement to the City Attorney and the Mayor to make the acquisition of the golf course.

Mayor Eickmeier wanted the information to be clear that the land is owned by the Wake family, with the exception of the parking lot and the club house being owned by the Country Club. The City has agreed to pay a lease agreement of \$1,000 a year to the Wake family, and will make the purchase of the building and parking lot.

City Administrator Bruce Smith spoke regarding the need for a City-employed groundskeeper, as well as a building manager. An employment ad will be published in the Seward County Independent for these positions. Mayor Eickmeier and Administrator Smith will be going back to the Council for determination of green fees and membership decisions. Eickmeier and Smith fielded questions from Board members Chapp and Schmieding about membership. No decision has been made just yet that the fee will even be called a membership. A brief discussion was held about the possibility a golf foundation, which might help sustain the club's future. Questions and discussion were held about single and family need and junior golfers, also very important items to be discussed with the City Council. The Board thanked Mayor Eickmeier and Administrator Smith for their time, perseverance, talents and efforts in this endeavor. The Board agreed this was the right decision.

Moved by Chapp, seconded by Hartmann, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Sandy Wright, Co-Secretary